

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: K

Date: September 22, 2004

Topic: First Review of Timeline for the Review and Approval of the Revised Computer/Technology Standards of Learning

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Origin:

____ Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

_____ Board review required by

 x State or federal law or regulation

Board of Education regulation

Other: _____

X Action requested at this meeting ____ Action requested at future meeting:

Previous Review/Action:

_____ No previous board review/action

Previous review/action

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Background Information:

The Board of Education adopted a schedule for review and revisions to the Standards of Learning at its September 28, 2000 meeting. Accordingly, the computer technology standards are scheduled for revision in 2005. (Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:1-2 By October 1, 2000, the Board of Education shall establish a regular schedule, in a manner it deems appropriate, for the review, and revision as may be necessary, of the Standards of Learning in all subject areas. Such review of each subject area shall occur at least once every seven years. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Board from conducting such review and revision on a more frequent basis.)

Summary of Major Elements

Using an established review process and criteria, the Department of Education, Division of Technology, Office of Educational Technology has plans to review and or revise the current Standards of Learning for Computer Technology. A proposed timeline is attached.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction requests that the board waive first review and approve the timeline.

Impact on Resources:

The Department of Education administers the state standards review process. The agency's existing resources can absorb this responsibility at this time.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Upon approval, the Department of Education will provide information to all interested parties according to the attached timeline.

Proposed Schedule for the Review of the Computer/Technology Standards of Learning

Proposed Time Frame	Objective
<p style="text-align: center;">September 2004</p>	<p>A Superintendent's Memorandum is distributed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announces the schedule of the review process; • Announces the availability of a Standards of Learning review/comment page on the Department of Education's Web site; • Requests that division superintendents share information about the Web site with instructional staff; and • Provides information regarding the selection of the review team.
<p style="text-align: center;">September 2004</p>	<p>The Department of Education posts on its Web site a Computer/Technology Standards of Learning review/comment page for the current Computer/Technology Standards of Learning. The page will be active for four to six weeks.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October 2004</p>	<p>The Department of Education aggregates and conducts a preliminary analysis of the comments entered on the Web page</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">November 2004</p>	<p>The Computer/Technology Standards of Learning Committee reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide Web page input; • National documents, reports, and assessment information; and • Makes preliminary recommendations for potential changes.
<p style="text-align: center;">December 2004</p>	<p>The Department of Education prepares the review teams' preliminary comments in a pre-draft. Review team members conduct research and reflect on preliminary recommendations.</p>

December 2004	The Department of Education prepares a preliminary draft of the reviewed Computer/Technology Standards of Learning for stakeholder review. The draft is disseminated and feedback compiled.
January 2005	The Department of Education presents the draft document to the board for first review. Following the approval of the Board of Education, the department will develop a Computer Technology Resource Guide.
January 2005	The proposed Standards of Learning document is distributed for public comment. The document is placed on the Virginia Department of Education Web site for review. Public hearings are held as prescribed by the Board of Education.
February 2005	The Department of Education and a review team begin a preliminary review of the Department of Education's Computer/Technology Resource Guide.
February 2005	The Superintendent of Public Instruction presents the proposed Computer/Technology Standards of Learning to the Board of Education for final review and adoption. The final document is posted on the Department of Education's Web site within three weeks of adoption.
March 2005	The board approved Standards of Learning and the Department of Education's Resource Guide are distributed.